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Christina Curry, along with her kids William and Lilyanne, decorate their sweaters in the museum. See page 23 for more on the Ugly Sweater Run /Walk. Photo by Mark Arike.

## Excitement builds for new fire hall

By Lisa Gervais

Minden Hills fire Chief Doug Schell isn't excitable but after council awarded the tender for a new fire hall, he told *The Highlander* it was a "very exciting moment."

At the Nov. 24 meeting, council voted 6-1 in favour of giving the job to Greystone Project Management Inc. a cost of just over \$1.9 million.

Schell said talk of a new fire hall began in 2008 and one outcome of last Thursday's decision is that it will boost the morale of

the entire fire department.

They have been working out of the existing station at Prince Street and Pritchard Lane since the early 1970's, in a building that is showing its age. It also sustained flood damage in 2013. Schell said the health unit comes in to test the air

quality and while so far it is okay they are worried about mould.

The fire hall will move to Highway 35, just north of the County of Haliburton's paramedic station, a location also expected to improve response times.

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## Station builder picked, price tag finalized

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So, getting the nod for a new, 8,000-square-foot building with state-of-the-art features such as MAKO SCBA Breathing Air and ICF walls was a relief to the chief, who came to council with only one successful bidder after pre-qualifier MVW Construction had pulled out due to other work commitments.

But while Schell and a majority of councillors were pleased with the outcome, Councillor Pam Sayne, who had the only nay in a recorded vote, was not.

Sayne wasn't happy that the process ended up with just one bidder, saying, "We've got to have more competition."

Further – as she explained to Schell during a break in the meeting – she didn't vote no because she doesn't want a new fire hall, but because she felt there was not enough information for council to make design and construction decisions.

She wanted council to use a program called RetScreen, which she later told *The Highlander* has up-to-date NASA data for climate predictions, options for energy choices and specifics on installation options, options for building materials and methods and size, and a formula for amortization of costs and returns on investments.

"For a \$1.9 million project, an investment in this predictability seems like a small investment for determining the specifications required and third party accountability in building design and specifications," Sayne said in an email.

*We're getting closer  
and it's getting more  
exciting.*

Doug Schell  
Minden Hills, fire Chief

Deputy Reeve Cheryl Murdoch said she had been part of the discussion for six "long" years and the new hall should have been built during the last term of council.

Based on preliminary design discussions, the proposed fire hall "is not the Taj Mahal, but a serviceable building," she said.

She added that Greystone "is a great company that has done work for Haliburton County and Minden Hills and does good work on time and on budget." She added the price tag is not a surprise.

"We have two years left on this term. If we don't get started soon it could go away somewhere. We need to do it now. The current fire hall houses vehicles and is not good for anything else. Get it done."

Council must still determine where the money will come from. That discussion has been deferred to 2017 budget talks. However, CAO Lorrie Blanchard said the township has \$1.38 million in its own coffers, leaving a shortfall of \$540,000. Council does not want to dip into its fire reserve set aside for a new pumper.

Reeve Brent Devolin believes there will be a "pretty substantial surplus" at the end of the financial year and is looking for department heads to come back with a report to see if council can cover the shortfall in-house without borrowing money from a bank or other financial institution, or at least borrowing less and paying it off quicker.

Coun. Jeanne Anthon pointed out the province frowns upon councils that don't borrow money.

But Blanchard said, "The financing piece doesn't need to be decided today."

It is hoped the new fire hall will be built in 2017.

"We're getting closer and it's getting more exciting," Schell said.



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Top: An Ornge helicopter sits in front of the Minden hospital moments before picking up the injured driver. Above: Ornge paramedics wheel a stretcher to the hospital after responding to Saturday's single-vehicle crash. Photo by Mark Arike.

## Woman recovering after crash

By Mark Arike

A 25-year-old woman from Haliburton County is in stable condition after crashing her car on Saturday afternoon.

The woman, whose identity has not been released, was travelling north on County Road 121 between Rice Road and County Road 1 in Minden Hills when she hit the ditch and struck the embankment of a private driveway, according to OPP Const.

Tim Negus.

She was taken to Minden hospital before being airlifted to Toronto.

The road was closed for a couple of hours as local officers and members of the OPP's technical traffic collision team conducted an investigation. The cause was still under investigation on Monday morning.

Anyone with information is asked to call the OPP at 1-888-310-1122.

## Horseshoe Lake Road to be closed

By Lisa Gervais

Horseshoe Lake Road near Minden will be closed temporarily near the dam, below Bethel Road, from Dec. 12.

The closure is for work to replace the dam, part of the Trent-Severn Waterway National Historic Site.

Although work to replace the dam is ongoing until late next summer, the road closure is only until the end of next February.

For river users, access to the area immediately above and below the dam may be restricted during the construction period, but access to the rest of the river will not.

"Throughout construction, water management practices will remain in place and construction should have no impact on water levels," the TSW said in a news

release.

The dam was built in 1909. In June 2015, a project to rehabilitate it was announced that would include improvements to the physical condition and stability of the dam, its hydraulic capacity, public and operator safety, site access, and mechanical equipment.

The new dam will also restore public access across the dam by providing a safe pedestrian walkway separated from the operating mechanisms.

For up-to-date news on Parks Canada infrastructure work in this area, visit [pc.gc.ca/TSWHaliburton](http://pc.gc.ca/TSWHaliburton). If you have questions about the Horseshoe Lake Dam project or if you would like to be added to their community engagement list and receive email updates about the project, contact [Ont.TrentSevern@pc.gc.ca](mailto:Ont.TrentSevern@pc.gc.ca)

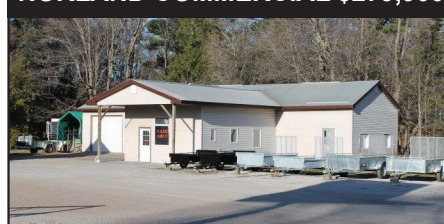
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## Time for change

When Algonquin Highlands Reeve Carol Moffatt ended her tenure as County Council warden last week, she renewed her call for change to the most senior elected official job in the Highlands.

The position has changed over the years. It used to entail chairing meetings, overseeing correspondence, appointing committee members and the like. But challenges have intensified in the face of reduced grants, the need for strategic planning, downloading of services, increasing regional competition, the requirement to do more with the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus (EOWC) and the escalating need to lobby for the county's position at the provincial and federal levels.

Moffatt is recommending discussion about a number of things.

She thinks council needs to consider a two-year term. Now, wardens are appointed for just 12 months at a stretch. But it is pretty hard to finish large county projects in a year and impossible to form lasting and relevant relationships with provincial and federal contacts. Moffatt also threw out the idea of a ninth seat

for the warden. Currently, the reeve and deputy from each of the four municipalities automatically sit on County Council. Together they elect one of their members as warden. Why not have a warden elected by the county at large to match municipal four-year terms? Moffatt doesn't know if such a proposal would pass, but we think it is worth discussing. The current system - eight councillors choosing the warden - is problematic. First, there is an unwritten rule that every municipality gets a kick at the can. So, for example, Liz Danielsen is ineligible this time around because she represents Algonquin Highlands, the same municipality as Moffatt. But what if Danielsen were the best person for the job?

That's the second problem: there isn't even a written job description for the post. Having some expectations and objectives would be a good first step. Without them, a warden doesn't really know what his or her mission is supposed to be.

There should at least be required qualifications. Does the candidate know the community and its political nuances? Do they understand its needs, strengths and weaknesses? Can they keep up with

a world that demands instant feedback to constituents via social media? Can they lobby provincial and federal politicians? Can they set a vision for the long term and lead towards its achievement?

Interestingly, Moffatt nixed the Warden's banquet this year and mused whether it is time to put the Warden's golf tournament out to pasture as well. Both are invite-only events, appearing elitist to some, distracting to others, and should be scrapped.

Finally, Moffatt called for changing our Reeves into mayors. It makes sense. While perhaps storied in history (the word "sherriff" comes from "shire reeve"), the moniker suggests an attachment to the past and a lack of confidence in our place in the world.

Moffatt wants all of these issues discussed. We agree, and preferably before the 2018 election.



By Lisa Gervais

## The fine line between technology and common sense

The other day, I was watching a commercial for a thing called Google Home which is basically an interactive little device that can do everything from set up appointments to turn off the lamps in your home upon request. So we've gotten to the point where we can't even bother to flick off a light switch anymore?

I'll admit, there's a real wow factor to this. There's something very futuristic about a device that essentially monitors and control everything in your home, and also pretty much most of your life while it's at it. We predicted things like this a long time ago. Watch any science fiction movie from the 50s to the 70s and that was pretty much the theme. We were either fighting robots of marvelling at how the robots would eventually be doing both the literal and figurative heavy lifting for us. At the time it seemed like a dream come true. I mean who wants to needlessly walk those 12 feet to turn off the light when we don't need to?

At its most basic, I agree we should theoretically welcome technology and all the wonderful things it can do for us. Without technology, we're dumber, slower, and more at risk. Thing is, with it we're also lazier and ironically dumber in different ways. Despite all the technological

advances we inevitably have to reach the delicate crossroads between convenience and dependence. In essence how much technology is enough?

This might sound like the start of a rant from a person who's resistant to technology but in fact I'm very much in favour of it and what it can do for us. The big problem is in determining exactly when technology is not required. While the world is obviously building towards that big grid where everyone is on it and where everyone is interconnected, it's also a massive grid that requires the same technology to keep things moving. Even if that means simply having the knowledge to know how to use a low-tech piece of hardware we call a light switch. Imagine the day we need to revert back to the old analog version. Will people still know how to use one? While that may sound utterly ridiculous, try imagining life for most of us without a calculator.

This is one of the real ironies about life in a rural areas like ours. While technology indeed takes longer to arrive to an area like this, at times it's the slowness that saves us. Sometimes it's the very thing you're trying to phase out which in time becomes the hero. Case in point: wood stoves. These old, rudimentary and horribly old school

devices are often the only thing keeping you from being transformed into a popsicle. Sure it's great when you have the computerized, integrated natural gas-fired heating unit but what good will it be when you don't have a switch to turn on the power to ignite the flame? There is never a downside to knowing the basics no matter how advanced and distant we've grown from it.

The truth of the matter is that it's these "old technologies" we turn to when the grid goes down and the power goes off. Living in an area where power outages aren't that uncommon we still maintain a strong and incredibly important connection to the alternative. When the GPS isn't working we look for a map. When the stove won't run we fire up the super low-tech BBQ. I'm not suggesting at all that we resist technology, I'm just advocating to use some common sense in deciding how much it's employed. Occasionally you'll find the beta version of something is still the very best one to use. In other words thanks Mr. Robot, but I got this.



By Charlie Teljeur

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# Editorial opinion

## What's Up Try-it Fair: a most intriguing event



By George Farrell

And now for an event that's completely different. It's the Haliburton Highlands Try-it Fair, which is, according to co-ordinator Nancy Therrien, "a trade-style event where people can have a hands-on experience while trying out all sorts of different skills and activities."

The exhibitor information sheet for the 2016 Try-It Fair further explains the event as a bringing together of 'artists, inventors, technical wizards, business people and makers of all kinds, for an exciting afternoon of sharing skills and knowledge, inspiring each other, exhibiting projects and building community.'

"At the fair you can try your hand at leatherworking, manipulating electronic squishy circuits, programming a 3D printer, operating a potter's wheel, making stained glass objects, henna artistry, and something from the Amino Lab in Wilberforce called bacterial painting," Therrien revealed.

Therrien who is a Haliburton County Public Library branch assistant, does a lot of work with children's programming in the libraries, plus she also oversees the 'appy-hour' digital development courses delivered at the library branches. So she's the perfect choice to co-ordinate the Try It Fair.

The event, which will be held in the high school gymnasium, will feature about 30 different stations. People will be given passports which they can get stamped at every station they visit. After attaining a minimum of three stamps they will be eligible to win an electronics gift certificate worth in excess of \$100. What's not to like?

The Try-it Fair is part of the Haliburton County Public Library's community

makerspace initiative. "Makerspaces are becoming common in the libraries now," Therrien explained. "They're spaces where people can gather to make and create a variety of objects."

While makerspaces are new to the county, the Haliburton School of Art and Design will also have its own makerspace which is expected to open in the spring of 2017. It will include vinyl and laser cutters, a 3D printer, and an industrial sewing machine and plotter printer. Although the school's makerspace will be mainly for the students and teachers, there will be hours when the space is open to the community.

On the other hand, "the Try-it Fair is a one-day event that showcases what makerspaces could contain," Therrien said in explaining the difference between the one-day event and the school's concept.

"It's something new to the county, but we already have mentors in our community with a variety of specialized skills and knowledge, and we're trying to bring them and the public together," she said. "If it's well-received we'll hold it again."

For the Try-it Fair the library has partnered with HCDC, CANOE FM, Contact North, Fleming Crew, the Haliburton Chamber of Commerce, Haliburton Highlands Museum, The Haliburton Highlands Secondary School, Haliburton School of Art and Design and Sticks and Stones Productions.

The portion of the Try-it Fair open to the public will take place in the high school gymnasium on Friday Dec. 9 from 4-6 pm.

## PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Carl Dixon married Helen Park Nov. 9 on their property near Haliburton. They met in the Highlands in 2013. Dixon is bringing his sixth annual Carl Dixon and Friends charity show to McKecks Dec. 8 at 7 p.m. with funds going to the Haliburton Foodbank and Woodlands Wildlife Rescue. *Submitted.*

From 2-4 pm it will be open to students and teachers only. The event is free for both exhibitors and the public.

The exhibitors, (who have already been chosen for this year), will have WiFi and

electric outlets at their disposal. They may advertise but will not be allowed to sell product. For more information contact Nancy Therrien by email at [ntherrien@haliburtonlibrary.ca](mailto:ntherrien@haliburtonlibrary.ca).

## The Outsider Subterranean phone-sick blues



By Will Jones

Damn it! Just when I thought I'd got it all, I'm left wanting once again.

You see, this week was a big one for me. I finally dragged my sorry ass, kicking and screaming into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century and purchased myself a phone that is smart, or so I'm told. Actually, I guess it has to be because it can do far more things than I am capable of understanding, and, it is so big that its brain must be huge.

It's the size of a brick, for Pete's sake. I know I'm old and cranky but the smart phone revolution had passed me by until now, and so, when I finally did belly up to the Nu-Fonz-R-Uz sales desk I was rather astounded that the new phones are about 10 times the size of my faithful old clam phone.

I can't sit down with this new thing in

my back pocket. And that's not for fear of breaking it, more for worrying that I'll slide off the edge of the seat and under the table because the damn phone is the size of a slab of Kraft Cheese. But, I'm assured that this is the future. Pity, because I imagined the evolution of phones to involve miniaturization, with an end result something like Captain Kirk used on Star Trek. Obviously that was not to be, and, if smart phones carry on growing at the same rate soon everyone will own a personal Starship Enterprise that hovers around just over them, in case they need to make a call.

But I'm getting somewhat off topic. No sooner had I been out and bought myself what I thought was the latest, greatest piece of personal technology on the

market than I return to Haliburton to find that Peter Schleifenbaum is selling his submarine!

Ever since I visited Haliburton – even before I made this place my home – I had heard tell of the submarine that dived the depths of the lakes in Haliburton Forest. Never have I seen it, and as such, I was beginning to think it somewhat of a rural myth (they are like urban myths only far greener). But, out of the blue, the sub is for sale.

Now, I have to admit that it is probably a little out of my price range but you'd like to think that Peter would offer a payment plan to a local fellow like myself. I could shovel snow off of his roof and clean out Hershe the moose's pen at regular intervals to top up payments, maybe?

Oh, to have my very own submarine. I can just see myself driving to lakes with it strapped to a trailer in the summertime. Probably Head Lake first, just to get my bearings, and then onto Halls Lake to find the bottom of the bottomless hole. Then, with a shark fin attachment, just imagine the fun I'd have scaring tourists.

That said, the shark's fin is pretty childish. And, I'm looking at the data plan on my new phone and I realize that I'll also be shoveling snow off of Mr. Rogers' roof; and that trailer, I'll need it to cart around this monster of a smart phone that I now own.



# Highlander opinions

## Eye on the street: *How do you feel about snow clearing in Haliburton's downtown?*



**Pam Casey**

Haliburton

Welcome to winter in Canada. It is hazardous. But because of seniors there have to be more breaks in the snowbank between the cars and stores.



**Patty Chaulk**

Haliburton

I don't have a problem but I've seen a lot of elderly people trying to get over the banks. If you are paying for parking you shouldn't have to jump the banks.



**Carly Raimey**

Halls Lake

You have to step through snow this tall (pointing to her thigh). It's frustrating.



**Carl Dugan**

Haliburton

They (Dysart et al and businesses) do well enough. They have lots of streets and sidewalks to clear.



**Gary Greville**

Haliburton

There is not much you can do. You can't salt through the snow. People have to pay attention to where they are walking.

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### Bridge loads restricted

Minden Hills will have to place load restrictions on three bridges following engineering inspections in November. They include Ritchie Falls Road Bridge A, Ritchie Falls Road Bridge B and Soyers Lake Road Bridge.

Sedgwick Road Bridge was on a preliminary list but has now been removed, roads superintendent Travis Wilson told the Nov. 24 meeting, however it will have to be inspected more often.

He said rehabilitation or replacement of the bridges could cost anywhere from \$80,000 to \$220,000. For now, council has committed \$40,000 for emergency condition assessments by Tulloch Engineering.

Wilson will provide a further report to the Dec. 8 meeting, recommending official placing of load restrictions and recommendations for replacement or rehabilitation. (Lisa Gervais)

### Beaver Theatre update

Minden Hills Theatre owner Rahim Lakhani has said that following meetings with Haliburton and Minden arts and business leaders, he is continuing with plans to reopen the former Beaver Theatre next year.

Lakhani said working committees have been formed for events and programming, building design, rehabilitation and maintenance, marketing, membership and fundraising and finance and business development.

He said structural engineering and soil testing has been completed with "satisfactory" results. "Engineers have proposed a rehabilitation plan and we're currently working on a critical path schedule towards the rehab."

He said they had also submitted an application to the Township of Minden Hills to allow them to extend the building envelope to the lot line so that they can add an annex to support the venue's use for live theatre. Without

## County in brief

the extension, he said it can only operate as a movie theatre.

Anyone interested in joining a committee is asked to email mindenhillstheatre@gmail.com. Lakhani said no prior experience is needed. (Lisa Gervais)

### Women who care raise funds

After just one meeting, the newly-formed 100 Women Who Care Highlands Chapter has raised \$3,200.

They will be making a presentation to Aaron Walker of Food For Kids this Friday.

This was the charity voted for by group members at the Nov. 23 meeting, spokeswoman Joan Featherstone said.

The concept is simple: the group meets for an hour, three times a year with every participant donating \$100. For more information, contact Featherstone at 705-286-4376 or curriejlf@gmail.com. (Lisa Gervais)

### Algonquin Highlands needs new emergency dispatcher

Algonquin Highlands will look for a new emergency services dispatch contractor after learning its current contractor is closing.

AH received a letter from Peerless Security earlier this month announcing the closure and advising the township to be prepared to move its dispatch program to a new facility by Dec. 31.

Staff advised council at the Nov. 17 meeting that the Peerless contract may require the company to provide a longer notice period for termination, so AH may be able to retain the service beyond December.

Given the high cost of operating a dispatch service in-house, AH will issue a request for proposals for a new contractor. (Lisa Harrison)

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# Highlander news

## Outgoing warden has a few suggestions

By Mark Arike

Carol Moffatt is finishing her second term as county warden.

But before vacating the seat, she encouraged her fellow councillors to discuss the role of warden and how it should evolve. She made a similar recommendation in 2013 during her first term, but at the time, council decided the job description should remain as is.

"Are the roles the right roles for our changing landscape in terms of political activism and lobbying," said Moffatt, who chaired her last meeting on Nov. 23.

"It's our job to sort of kick at the darkness and not just accept the status quo."

The warden is the head of council and chief executive officer of the corporation. They represent the county at various functions, both locally and outside of the county.

Some of her recommendations include considering a two-year term instead of one for "consistency in projects and external representation"; a two-year term which can be extended by council; or the addition of a ninth seat at the table and holding an election for a four-year, warden-at-large.

The current council is comprised of eight members—each reeve and deputy reeve of the four lower tier municipalities.

She also suggested the possibility of doing away with the current election process, whereby county councillors decide who will fill the role for the upcoming year. This would help ensure "the best candidate" gets the job "regardless of their home municipality," she wrote in a report.

Other options include electing a deputy warden and changing the title of reeve to mayor.

"I think there are traditions that happen ... that are worthy and need to be examined and defended," said Coun. Brent Devolin. "But we also live in a very changing world."

Devolin is in favour of having the conversation.

"I think it's a healthy exercise," he said.

Coun. Andrea Roberts agreed it's important to examine the role and its responsibilities.

"If it requires a lot of responsibility, it's not necessarily suited to everybody," said Roberts, who is deputy reeve in Dysart. "I'm not sure that I'd be good, or even want, that role."

Coun. Suzanne Partridge said council should start by looking at what the role entails.

As for electing a warden for four years, Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey said it could be a good or bad outcome.

"If you get one of them that's a dud, you've got them for four years," said Fearrey.

A general discussion about the position will be held in January. CAO Mike Rutter will do some background



Warden Carol Moffatt chairs her last county council meeting of the year on Nov. 23. Photo by Mark Arike.

research on previous discussions and present that information.

The next warden will be elected on Dec. 13. Committee appointments are made at a meeting the following day.

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# Highlander news

## Minden Hills could do better with recycling

By Lisa Gervais

Minden Hills residents have told council waste services are “okay” but could be better.

Dave Bucholtz of consultant, Cambium Inc., made a presentation to council Nov. 24.

He said the township scored a 3.2 out of 5 satisfaction rating. That was based on 18 people who came to a recent open house and 96 surveys.

“In general terms, they are fairly happy with the way things are happening now,” Bucholtz said.

But, one area they aren’t crazy about is recycling. Currently, the township waste diversion rate is 37 per cent.

However, 57 per cent of survey respondents think Minden Hills should meet the provincial target of 60 per cent while 30 per cent want it to exceed the provincial goal.

The survey found the highest uses were blue box recycling, household hazardous waste and waste electronics, while things such as leaf and yard waste and tires were not as well utilized. One surprising statistic was a lot of people do backyard

composting, at 46.24 per cent.

“That’s a significant number ... people are not afraid to do their own thing in the backyard,” Bucholtz said. He added that if promoted, that number will only increase.

Not surprisingly, it was found that 80 per cent of people use Scotch Line, followed by Ingoldsby, Iron Mine Rd., Little Gull and Irondale, at just two to three per cent.

*In general terms, they are fairly happy with the way things are happening now.*

**Dave Bucholtz**  
Cambium consultant

When it comes to landfill options, a majority (60 per cent) would prefer the status quo as compared to one central site (12 per cent) or two centralized sites (33 per cent).

Asked about their preferred option for reducing garbage, most people said they would prefer bag limits, versus pay as you throw.

People said they would also like more household hazardous waste collection. Others would like a composting facility. Some wanted more payment options, reduced fees, allowing small loads for free, consistent rates, more recycling and allowing scavenging.

Councillor Pam Sayne said she would like council to work more closely with home builders in the hopes of recycling building materials to divert them from the landfill.

And Coun. Jeanne Anthon questioned payment options. She was told it is cash only now and some users are invoiced but some municipalities have a debit machine. She was also told some towns have a bag tag system.

Bucholtz said Cambium will now finalize the landfill 25 year operation plans for the Dec. 8 council meeting for approval and then submit them to the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change prior to Dec. 31, 2016.

## Barrie Martin ‘honoured’ by tourism award

Tourism champion of the year winner, Barrie Martin told the Highlander this week it is great honour.

Martin, of Yours Outdoors, won the award Nov. 22 at the Tourism Industry Association of Ontario conference and awards in Ottawa.

“It is a great honour to be recognized this way and to contribute to the vitality of our local (and regional) tourism industry,” he said in an e-mail.

“I am very thankful for the support of many businesses, organizations and individuals. Anything that can bring more attention to the Haliburton Highlands is a good thing.”

Martin is co-chair of the Haliburton Highlands Tourism Stakeholders Group, vice president of the Haliburton County Community Cooperative, project coordinator for the Hike Haliburton Festival and president of the Haliburton County Folk Society. Recently, he has also organized familiarization (FAM) tours for local tourism stakeholders, providing them with the product knowledge and relationships required to support each other and succeed in rural tourism.

“Barrie is a true leader in tourism in our region, and we are delighted to see that his contributions towards making Ontario a world-class destination have made such a major impact with our industry,” said Nicole Whiting, executive director for OHTO in a media release. “We are all lucky to have such a committed and enthusiastic tourism partner.” (Lisa Gervais)

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#### Budget Standing Committee Meeting

Take Notice that the Council of the Township of Minden Hills, will meet as the Budget Standing Committee on Tuesday, December 13, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers located at 7 Milne Street, Minden, ON to review the first draft of the 2017 Budget.

For further information regarding the meeting, please contact Dawn Newhook, Clerk at 705-286-1260 ext. 205 or [dnewhook@mindenhills.ca](mailto:dnewhook@mindenhills.ca).

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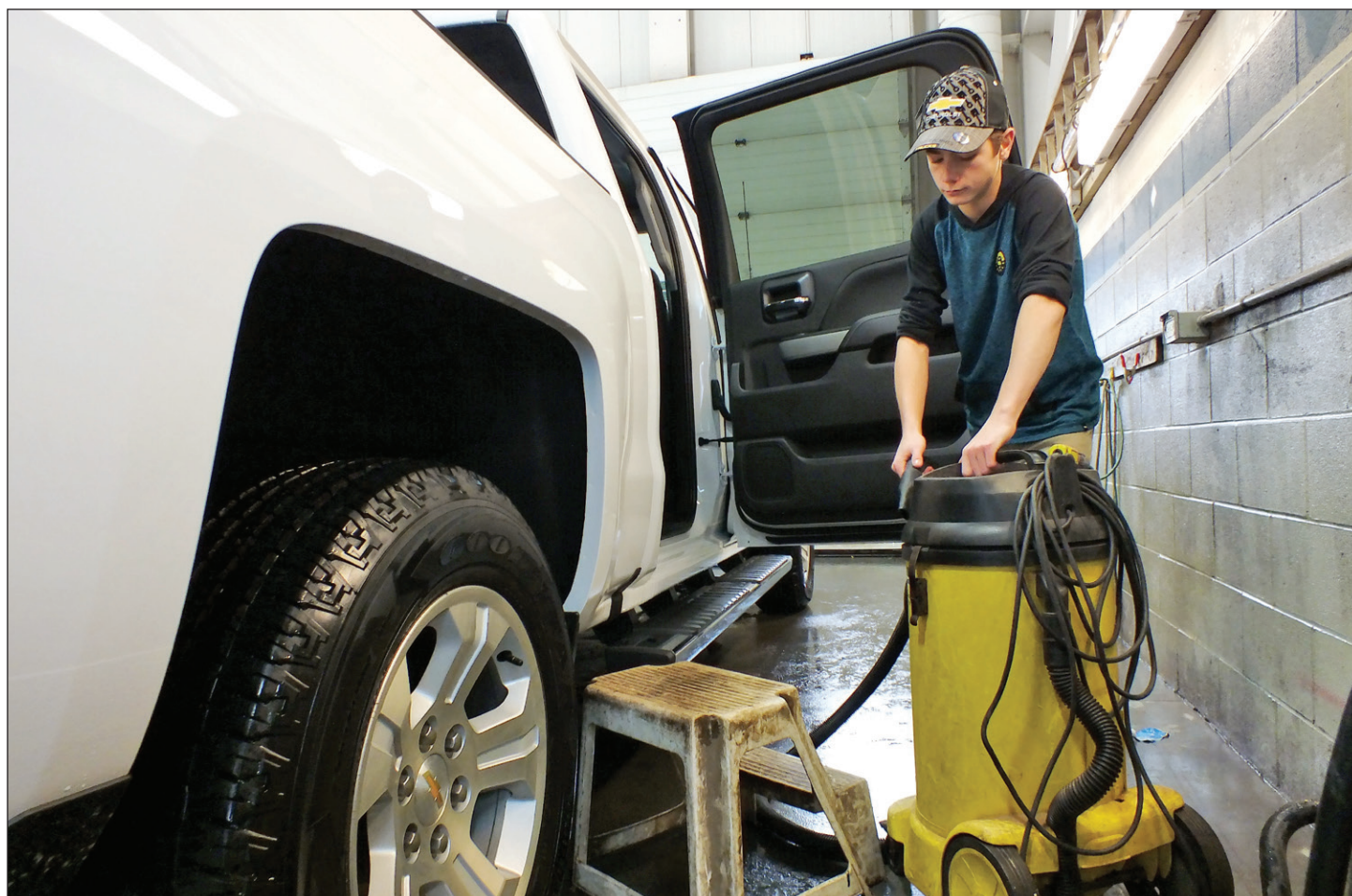
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# Highlander news



Keagan Gillam cleans a truck that's parked in Curry Motors' garage in Haliburton. Photo by Alex Coop.

## Giving students a chance through co-op education

By Alex Coop

If you've called Curry Motors recently, chances are it was high school student Keagan Gillam who answered the phone.

The Grade 11 student from Haliburton Highlands Secondary School wants to become a salesman, and last year, he decided he would send a resume to the car dealership in Haliburton and try his luck. "I figured this would be a good place to learn," Gillam said.

Gillam doesn't get paid, but he is earning valuable experience at a young age.

The high school's co-op program has been helping students like Gillam build skills and make informed career decisions for many years now, but its current co-op teacher Brett Caputo says they can do better.

That is why he is making a presentation at this month's Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce breakfast Dec. 7 in Haliburton, to encourage business owners to take a chance with a co-op student.

"We've had some great support from our community with our co-op students," Caputo told *The Highlander*. "But there are still some misconceptions out there about our program."

Caputo says some people still assume a co-op student could hurt a business financially, which he emphasized is not the case.

"The students don't get paid, they earn school credits and experience," he said. "And then employers will often say 'I

hardly have enough work for myself and my employees,' well the idea is that a co-op student would work with a supervisor at almost all times, so there is no need to replace an existing employee."

*I think most kids take this experience very seriously.*

Mike Hamilton  
Curry Motors

Even the paperwork that comes with adopting a co-op student has been streamlined, he adds, pointing to their website which now helps both the student and employer keep track of hours.

Students in the four-credit co-op program are asked to complete 440 hours at their work placement. Single-credit programs require 110 hours.

Caputo says he hopes businesses attending the chamber breakfast will sign a registry which signals an interest in a co-op student.

This would help students build connections more easily.

"[Students] can see the list and then make the calls, set up those interviews themselves," he said.

Not all experiences with co-op students go smoothly, says Curry Motors' Mike Hamilton – he recalled a past student who was caught stealing money from the dealership – but those rare occurrences don't overshadow the positives felt by both the employer and the student.

"Keagan has been great, he's a very good worker," Hamilton said, adding Loic Muli, Curry's previous co-op student, continues to work there a couple days per week while attending college in the city.

"I think most kids take this experience very seriously," he said.

Owner of Haliburton Solar and Wind, Brian Nash, says they would gladly accept co-op students, but the challenge is finding one who can work during the summer.

Caputo says the school used to offer summer co-op programs, but a minimum of 22 interested students is required in order for the program to proceed.

"We haven't offered that in a few years," he said.

Chamber manager Autumn Smith says retaining young workers is critical, and high school co-op programs play a big part in that.

"It truly does take a village to raise a child, and I think this is a great chance to get involved in our kids' lives," Smith wrote in an email. "It's also the perfect way to show students how they can stay (or come back) and work in this community after they graduate."

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# Highlander news

## New program helping residents reduce energy consumption

People feel 'disempowered' about energy costs, says Tina Jackson

By Alex Coop

More than 1,000 people in Haliburton County are forced to choose between paying their hydro bill or buying groceries, says Tina Jackson, coordinator of Heat Bank Haliburton County. But a new program is looking to help those at risk of being disconnected to curb electricity costs.

"We have such a high number of people living in poverty and working seasonally in our county," Jackson said. "And every month they have to make really tough decisions about their hydro."

Twenty-three per cent of children in the county come from low-income households, says the county's poverty reduction strategy, which also highlights the fact that Haliburton County is one of the poorest communities in Ontario.

A partnership between Haliburton Solar and Wind, Haliburton County Public Library and Heat Bank Haliburton County has helped create the watt meter loan

program to help county residents monitor their household appliances' electricity usage.

Haliburton Solar and Wind donated \$1,200 to the program, most of which went to nine watt metres that people will be able to borrow from each library branch in the county.

"People are feeling very disempowered around taking control of their electricity costs," Jackson said. "They feel like they're part of this whole system ... 'Can I even change it? Does it matter if I unplug things?'"

Jackson says the problem around hydro costs goes much deeper – in 2015, Ombudsman André Marin reported that Hydro One issued faulty bills to more than 100,000 customers – but the loan program will allow people to take back some control.

Owner of Haliburton Solar and Wind Brian Nash says he will help homeowners interested in minimizing hydro costs by using the watt meters at an upcoming

workshop Dec. 7 at their new office space at Abbey Gardens.

The workshop is geared for homeowners who are at risk of being disconnected from their hydro, but anyone is welcome to join.

"We're going to walk homeowners through a demand analysis, which consists of a simple spreadsheet and very easy exercises," Nash said. "You check all your appliances and identify the energy killers."

Something as simple as leaving a computer on while it's not in use can make a big difference in your hydro bill, Nash says.

Several people have already signed up for the workshop, Jackson says.

In Haliburton, the annual residential consumption rate in 2014 was about 164 megawatts, which equals 7.5 megawatts per household, according to Hydro One.

Nash says that means the county's residents are conscious about their energy consumption.

The average electricity-use per household in Ontario is nearly 10 megawatts per year,



Nine kilowatt metres will be available at libraries across the county. *File photo.*

according to the Ministry of Energy.

Low-income households may be eligible for a participation grant of \$30. For more information or to register, contact Tina Jackson at 705-306-0565 or [heatbankhc@gmail.com](mailto:heatbankhc@gmail.com).

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# Highlander news

## ASES students learning while growing

By Jennifer Hughey

A new partnership at Archie Stouffer Elementary School (ASES) has allowed students to plant vegetables in November. But not outside in the ground – inside using the same technology NASA does.

Local Juice Plus+ sales coordinator and mother of two at the elementary school, Kathy Martin, recently donated what's called a Tower Garden to use for one year, a value of about \$1,400.

"The kids absolutely love it," Martin said during a demo of the structure and planting session on Nov. 17. "It's a science project, it's a math project and, ultimately, it's a lesson in pollination."

According to the company's website, the vertical, aeroponic growing system can hold up to 20 vegetables, herbs, fruits and flowers in less than three square feet and can be kept inside or out.

Plants grow three times faster and produce 30 per cent more crops on average, meaning students will be able to harvest only weeks after planting.

Outdoor Inquiry teacher Sue Ferren is excited about teaching children how to grow their own food.

"[Tower Garden] not only supports the science learning we do together, it also supports our whole school's goal to develop the 7 Habits of Highly Effective Leaders," Ferren said, adding any partnership between the school and the community helps make the school a better place.



From left to right; ASES students Layne Robinson, Paige Brousseau, Dana Kehler and Lillianna Hie listen intently as they choose which seeds to plant in the Tower Garden. Photo by Jennifer Hughey.

ASES principal Jane Austin shares Ferren's sentiments.

"To be able to grow our own food from seed to harvest is an important skill to have," Austin said. "Even more important is the discussion around food security and the critical thinking around our purchases as consumers."

Austin said the program will support the students' general understanding of the life

cycles of plants, monitoring them as they grow.

Ferren said growing food from seed will help students experience the process first-hand.

"It will likely provide a stronger awareness about where our food comes from and perhaps more critical thinking about the importance of sustainable food systems," she said.

Martin hopes ASES will see the potential in continuing to grow food inside the school and encourage the community to get involved in keeping it there longer or sponsoring more towers for the foyer.

If you are interested in donating to this initiative, contact Martin at 705-457-7592. For information on the Tower Garden, visit [towergarden.ca](http://towergarden.ca)

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# Highlander news

## Proposed biochar plant a good fit for Haliburton, says U of T professor

By Alex Coop

A proposed biochar facility on Kennaway Road in Dysart spurred strong public reaction last month, but Sean Thomas, a professor from the University of Toronto's Faculty of Forestry says Haliburton could greatly benefit from the production of biochar.

"There are legitimate concerns ... a facility like this produces a lot of the same emissions that comes from a wood fire," he said. "But the plant is being very carefully looked at by the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change (MOECC) and I think [biochar] fits really well with Haliburton as an environmentally conscious community."

Thomas has been performing ecological research at the Forest since 1999, some of which includes the effects of biochar on the soil.

After years of research, Thomas says Haliburton's ecological landscape is strongly affected by pollution coming from northeastern United States and southern Ontario.

"It turns out that the Haliburton Highlands receives some of the highest nitrogen deposition from those pollution sources," he said. "Biochar is supercharged organic matter and holds minerals and nutrients and

water, and if there contaminants in the soil it will also help take it out."

Manager of Haliburton Forest, Malcolm Cockwell, and project manager Nina Shock led a public presentation last month, and explained how the production of biochar will use the waste or low quality timber collected from The Forest's saw mill.

*It turns out that the Haliburton Highlands receives some of the highest nitrogen deposition from those pollution sources.*

**Sean Thomas**  
U of T professor

Using pyrolysis (high temperature burning without oxygen), these products will be converted to biochar.

"What isn't directly used in this manner is safely combusted in a contained chamber and then emitted through a monitored system," Cockwell told *The Highlander*, adding they will also be selling the biochar

to several companies where it will be used in various applications, including the displacement of non-renewable products like carbon black and coal.

Part of the property the plant is proposed for is already zoned for general industrial uses, meaning a biochar plant would be permitted.

Shock told residents that the proposed plant still has to satisfy the requirements of the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change (MOECC) or the project will not proceed.

That process can take up to six months, she added.

Several residents had concerns about emissions.

Shock said the plant will resemble a burning wood stove and the emissions produced are regulated by the approvals granted by MOECC.

The plant would create two full-time jobs and produce about four tonnes of feedstock daily.

Another public meeting is scheduled for Dec. 5 at the Haliburton Legion.

"We are keen to share information about our project and always will be," Cockwell said.

## Highlands East considers new municipal building

By Mark Arike

A new municipal office could be in Highlands East's future. However, it will require savings of about \$700,000.

If approved, CAO Shannon Hunter recommended transferring money into a reserve annually for the next five years. This would come from taxpayers.

"One of the things we talked about in our visioning process is ... sometimes it's difficult not having the council chambers with the municipal office," said Hunter during an optional council meeting on Monday. The current municipal office shares space with the Lloyd Watson Centre in Wilberforce. The majority of council meetings are held in the library.

The new office, complete with council chambers, would most likely be built in a different location, she told *The Highlander*. The size or location have not yet been determined.

"Nothing is set in stone. It's just putting money away for a new municipal building," she said.

Unless council instructs staff to remove the item, it will be included in the 2017 budget deliberations. Hunter hopes the first budget meeting will take place during the second week of January.



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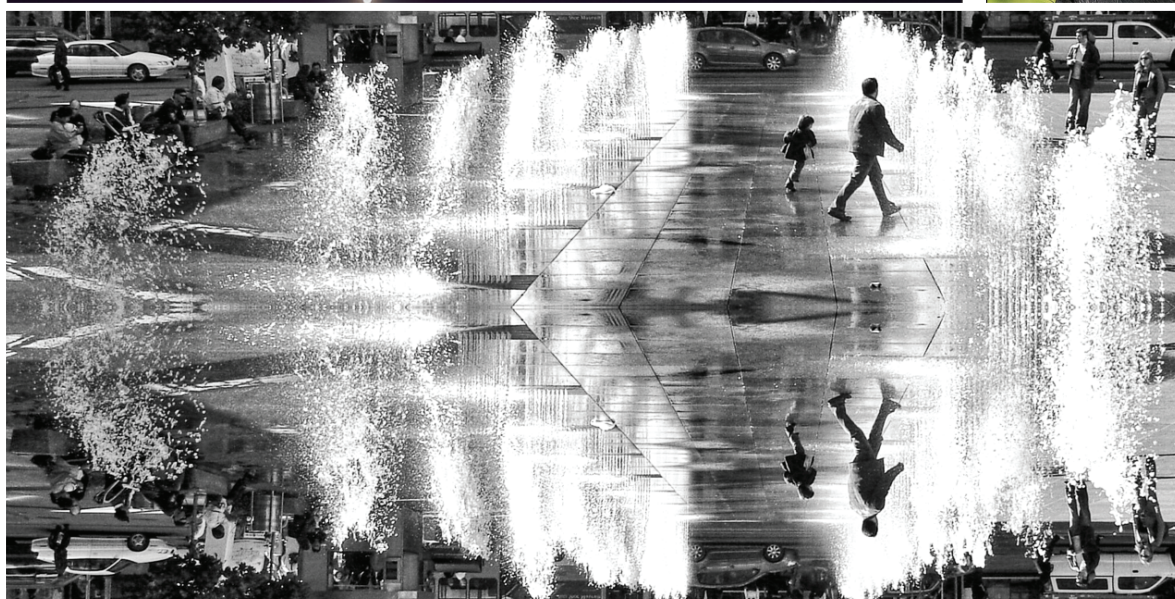
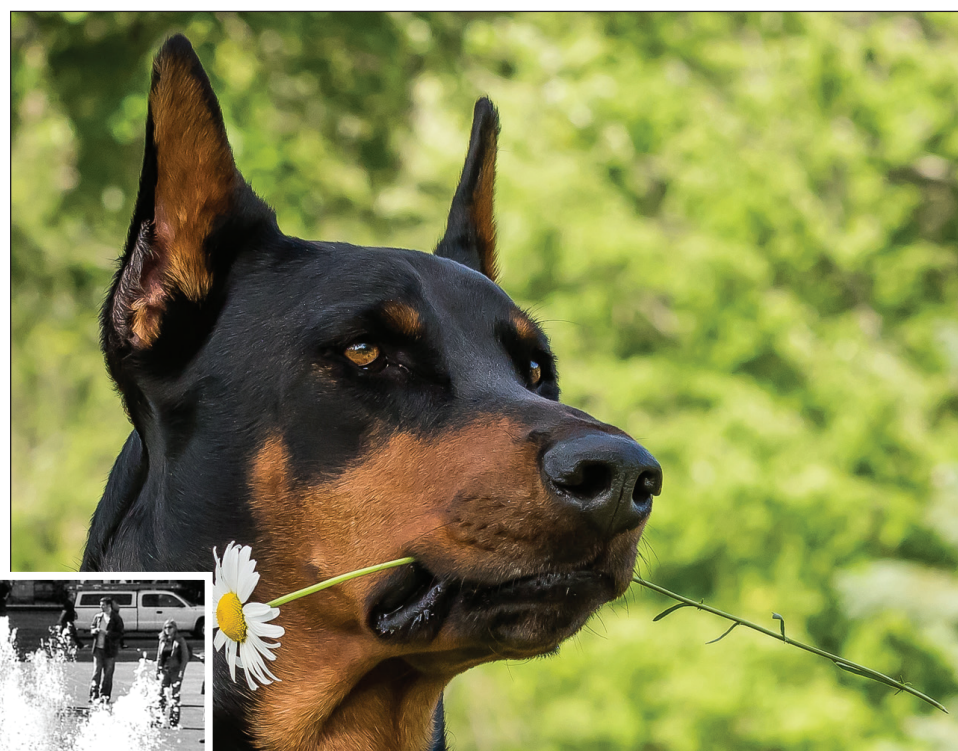
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# Highlander arts



## Camera Club winners

The Haliburton Highlands Camera Club's latest competition had two categories, nature and pictorial (any image members want to submit). All of the competitions are adjudicated by GTCCC/CAPA trained judges from all over the province.

The winners were:

- Above left: First Advanced and overall winner: "By the Silvery Moon" by Bill Bunn of Miskwabi Lake
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# Highlander community



Haliburton 4Cs treasurer Judy MacDuff and director Ron Mark, left, receive a cheque for \$500 from realtors Anne Hodgson, Andrea Wilson, Brandon Nimigon, Karen Nimigon, Andrew Hodgson (broker of record), Susanne James, Mark Dennys, Lee Gauthier and Cathy Chumbley (office administrator).

## Realtors making a difference

Haliburton's food bank is getting a boost from local realtors. Although they weren't all present for a photo, the entire team at Century 21 Granite Realty Group Ltd. contributed to a \$500 donation made to the Haliburton 4Cs Food Bank on Nov. 25. "We're proud of our good corporate citizenship," said broker of record Andrew Hodgson. This marked the seventh annual donation, which followed a donation of the same amount to the Minden Food Bank earlier in the day. The company has donated money to close to 20 local organizations in the past year, said Hodgson. He hopes this will encourage other businesses to give if possible.



Marilynne Lesperance and Joanne Barnes of the Minden Food Bank accept a \$500 cheque from the Century 21 team (Anne Hodgson, Melanie Vigrass, Lee Gauthier, Kirsten Rae, Brandon Nimigon, Andrew Hodgson, David Lee, Denise LeBlanc, Anne Moulton and Tom Ecclestone) at the Minden office on Nov. 25. Photo by Lisa Gervais.



## Volunteering for cash

Two Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHSF) board members, Carol Patrick and Greta LaRiviere, instigated a donation of \$500 each, representing the volunteer hours they have dedicated to HHHSF through the TD Canada Trust Volunteer Program. It is available to all employees and retired employees if they volunteer more than 40 hours in the year. Patrick (right) is the branch manager at TD Canada Trust and LaRiviere (left) is retired from TD Canada Trust in Toronto. They are pictured at the TD Canada Trust Branch in Minden, on Nov. 24, with HHHSF executive director Dale Walker and board member David Zilstra. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

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# Highland Storm



The Highland Storm Atoms win the A finals in Campbellford Saturday. *Submitted.*

## Storm reports

### JoAnne Sharpley's Source for Sports/ Haliburton Family Medical Centre Peewees

On Nov. 21, the Highland Storm Peewees travelled to Fenelon Falls to play the Sturgeon Lake Thunder. Both teams battled back and forth but it was the Thunder who scored first on the power play to put them ahead 1-0 going into the second period. The Thunder scored two more to put them up 3-0 going into the third. The Storm came back, putting pressure on, and putting one in by Hunter Winder, assisted by Dylan Keefer. On the power play, the Storm netted another with a goal by Nick Phippen assisted by Keefer and Winder. The Storm tried everything they could but fell 3-2.

On Saturday, the Kawartha Coyotes came to Minden to play the Storm. The Storm opened the scoring early in the first with a goal by Phippen assisted by Keefer. The Storm kept the pressure on and Kyan Hall scored two more, both assisted by Keefer. Less than a minute later, Gage Hutchinson scored one unassisted and less than a minute after that, Keefer scored unassisted. The Storm were up 5-0 going into the second. The Storm started the second period with Hall netting his third of the game assisted by Keefer and Zander Upton. The Storm let off the gas a little and the Coyotes managed to put three of their own in, putting the score at 6-3 going into the third. The Storm took back control of the game with a goal by Colin Glecoff,

unassisted and two more by Keefer, one unassisted and the other assisted by Glecoff. With time winding down, Winder put one in, assisted by Phippen, making the final score 10-3.

The peewees were in Gravenhurst Sunday to play the South Muskoka Bears. Both teams battled back and forth through the first with no score. The Bears scored in the second to put them on the board 1-0 going into the third. The Storm weren't going down without a fight with Winder putting it in, unassisted to tie it. The Bears fought back, though, to put one in and go ahead again 2-1. The Storm, determined to tie it, put another one in on a goal by Keefer, unassisted. Both teams fought until the bitter end with the final score a 2-2 tie.

Strong goaltending from Darian Maddock. Next game is in Sunderland on Dec. 3 at 5 p.m. vs the Brock Wild. *(Submitted by Ron Hall)*

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The Highland Storm Atoms travelled to Campbellford to play in a one-day tournament. The first game was against the Ennismore Eagles. The first period was slow for both teams but with two minutes left, the Eagles scored making the game 1-0 going into the second. The Storm fought hard in the second with Cooper Coles and Austin Boylan scoring. However, the Eagles came back and

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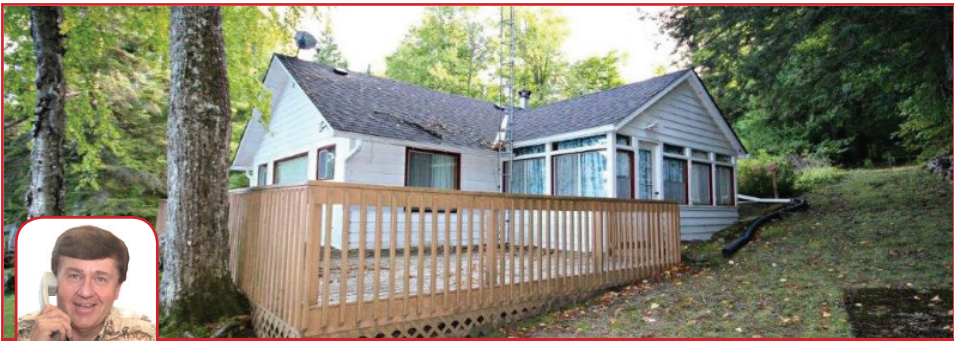
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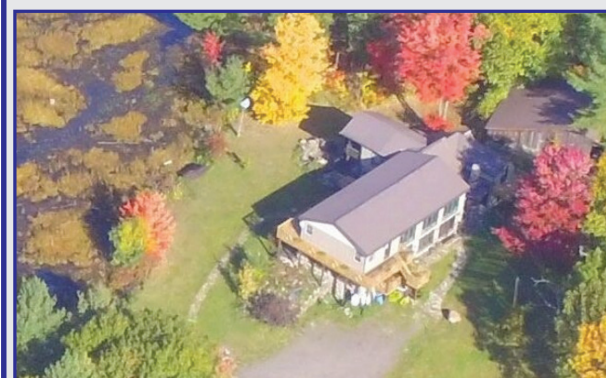
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# Highland Storm



## The Highlander's 3-Stars of the Week



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### Beckham Reynolds ATOM

The Highland Storm Atoms had a busy two days this past weekend, playing a three-game tournament on Saturday and a double-header against the Parry Sound Shamrocks the following Sunday. Beckham's vision was on point during the tournament, as he played set-up man, recording five assists in three games. The Atoms went on to win the tournament, beating the host Campbellford Colts in the championship game.



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### Chris Thompson MIDGET

The Highland Storm Midgets were in action Friday night as they played the Elmvale Coyotes, one week after a heated match-up, which saw more than 60 minutes of penalties amassed between the two teams. In a much more tame rematch, Thompson recorded a goal and an assist in the Storm's 6-3 loss.



Stats    G    A    GP  
          3    6    3

### Dylan Keefer PEEWEE

Dylan Keefer has been lighting the lamp at a consistent pace this season for the Highland Storm Peewees and this past weekend was no different. It was Saturday's game against the Kawartha Coyotes where Keefer may have played his best hockey of the season. In a 10-3 shellacking by the Storm, Keefer recorded seven points, including the hattrick, to go along with his four assists.

### Local League Weekly Schedule

#### Thursday, December 1

Team TD Canada Trust- Practice- Minden @ 5PM-6PM  
Team Rotary- Practice- Haliburton @ 5PM-6PM  
Team Pharmasave- Practice- Minden @ 6PM-7PM  
Team Canadian Tire- Practice- Minden @ 7PM-8PM  
Team Home Hardware- Practice- Haliburton @ 7:30PM-8:30PM  
Team McKeck's- Practice- Minden @ 8PM-9PM

#### Saturday, December 3

Initiation 2- Practice- Wilberforce @ 9AM-10AM  
Initiation 1- Practice- Wilberforce @ 10AM-11AM  
Team Home Hardware vs. Bancroft- Bancroft @ 10AM  
Team TD Canada Trust vs. Bancroft- Wilberforce @ 11AM  
Team Rotary vs. Team Pharmasave- Wilberforce @ 12:00PM  
Team Canadian Tire vs. Bancroft- Wilberforce @ 2:30PM

### ATOM GAME OF THE WEEK

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# Highland Storm



## Jets reports

**The Bancroft I.D.A. / Red Eagle Family Campground midget B girls** travelled to Kitchener to compete in the Fall Fest Tournament this past weekend.

Looking to play teams away from their own LLFHL, the Jets opened the tourney on Friday afternoon against the Oakville Hornets in their Pool B round robin play. The game was fast-paced with both teams exchanging chances at both ends of the rink. Neither team could solve the net-minder and skated to a hard fought 0-0 draw.

On Friday night, the Jets faced off against the Walkerton Capitals in their second game of the day.

After a scoreless first period, Kenndal Marsden gave the Jets a 1-0 lead midway through the second period with a wrister that beat the Capital tender's low blocker, finishing off a rush down the boards.

Walkerton continued to challenge the Jets trying to find the equalizer but Katie Hoover stopped all Capital snipers. Katie Funk added a late third period goal to give Bancroft a 2-0 win.

In game three of four in their pool, the Jets needed a win to try and solidify their advancement out of Pool B. Looking to advance to Sunday and the semi-finals, Bancroft took on the Chatham Outlaws Saturday morning. Both teams pressured the other squad trying to secure a lead in the likely do-or-die, playoff advancing game. After two scoreless periods, Danielle Sunstrum broke the deadlock midway through the third period, slipping a five-hole shot into the net as the Jets' power play came to end. The Outlaws pulled their tender, looking to tie the game. Sara Switzer picked up a loose puck in the Bancroft end, chipped the puck past the pinching D and then secured the win with an empty netter as she out-skated the Chatham defenders to make the final score 2-0.

In the last game of their pool play and their fourth game in two days, the Jets played the Ennismore Eagles. Having already clinched a berth in the Sunday semi-finals, the Jets struggled to find their upper gear against the Eagles in their Saturday night match-up. After two scoreless periods, Jaime Little scored the only goal of the game, finishing off a neutral zone rush with a sweet snap shot



## A little help from their friends

Members of the Midget Highland Storm hockey team hand out candy to kids at the Minden Santa Claus parade. They also donated toys to the Minden fire department. *Photo by Mark Arike.*

from the slot that beat the Ennismore tender low blocker side. The Jets went undefeated in their pool play with a record of three wins and a tie - with no goals against - and the only team to do so in the entire midget B division. The team showed great team effort, defense and goaltending by Katie Hoover.

On Sunday morning, the Jets met the undefeated Huron Heat (first in the LLFHL West loop) in their semi-final, must win tilt. Both teams exchanged chances trying to secure a lead and gain momentum, but neither team could capitalize on their scoring opportunities and skated to a 0-0 tie in regulation play. The first tie breaker was a 10-minute 3-on-3 sudden death overtime. The Jets missed chances early in the overtime as they pressured Huron with a few good quality shots. Soon after, the Heat caused a turnover deep in the Bancroft end and fired a desperation shot on the net that ricocheted and somehow found its way into the net. The Huron Heat

advanced to the championship game with the 1-0 sudden death overtime win.

The Jets play the Lindsay Lynx Monday, Dec. 5 at 7 p.m. in Bancroft. *(Submitted by Dan Marsden)*

**The Leveque Brothers / Rock Breakers Pee wee girls** played two away games this past weekend. On Saturday they were in Otonabee to take on the Wolverines. The girls dominated the three periods beating Otonabee 5-0. Goals scored by Trista Young, Chole Billings, Mackenzie Hudder, Ava Smith and Emma Tidey. Assists go to Emily Alexander, Tidey, Smith and Olivia Villamere.

On Sunday, they travelled to Cobourg to play on the big ice against the West Northumberland Wild. The game was fast-paced with some great display of speed

from both sides. The Jets girls downed the Wild 5-1 to finish the four point weekend. Goals were scored by Villamere, Tidey, Megan Jenkins, Hailey Hudder and Billings. Assists go to Jenkins (2), Billings (2), Tidey (2), Peyton Armstrong and Alexander. The Pee wee girls will travel to Peterborough this coming weekend to participate in the Peterborough Ice Kats tournament.

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## 2016 Silver Stick Tournament Atom/Pee wee

### Atom Teams

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3. Ingersoll Express
4. Lindsay Muskies (Teal)

#### Ovechkin Division

5. Apsley Flames
6. Lindsay Muskies (White)
7. Mariposa Lightning
8. Tillsonburg Tornados

### Pee wee Teams

#### Tavares Division

1. Noble King Knights (#1)
2. Beeton Stingers
3. Ingersoll Express
4. Ennismore Eagles

#### Stamkos Division

5. Noble King Knights (#2)
6. Lindsay Muskies
7. Mississauga Coyotes
8. Campbellford Colts

### Saturday, December 3, 2016

#### Round Robin Schedule

Atom- A.J. LaRue Arena, Haliburton

Pee wee- S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena, Minden

8:00	1 vs. 2
9:00	3 vs. 4
10:00	5 vs. 6
11:00	7 vs. 8
Noon	4 vs. 1
1:00	2 vs. 3
2:00	8 vs. 5
3:00	6 vs. 7
4:00	1 vs. 3
5:00	2 vs. 4
6:00	5 vs. 7
7:00	6 vs. 8

### Sunday, December 4, 2016

#### Playoff Schedule

Atom & Pee wee- A.J. LaRue Arena, Haliburton

8:00	Atom Semi-Final Top Points Ovechkin vs. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place Crosby
9:30	Pee wee Semi-Final Top Points Stamkos vs. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place Tavares
11:00	Atom Semi-Final Top Points Crosby vs. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place Ovechkin
12:30	Pee wee Semi-Final Top Points Tavares vs. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place Stamkos
2:00	Atom Championship Winner of 8:00 Game vs. Winner of 11:00 Game
3:30	Pee wee Championship Winner of 9:30 Game vs. Winner of 12:30 Game

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scored two goals at the end of the period making it a 3-2 hockey game. The Storm weren't giving up as Boylan scored early in the third, tying the game. Both teams were fighting for the victory and with five minutes to go, Avery Degeer scored and the Eagles scored after, then Addison Carr scored at 3:40 and Coles at 3:07 sealing the Storm victory of 6-4.

The second game was against the home team Campbellford Colts. The Storm came out on fire but couldn't get it past the Colts' goalie. The Colts scored the lone goal in the first. In the second, the Colts dominated the puck. They scored one early, making it 2-0. Boylan scored a beauty at 5:41 but the Colts came back and scored two more, leaving the game 4-1 going into the third. The Storm fought hard but came up short and lost 4-1.

With a win and a loss, the Storm moved on to the A finals to again face the Colts. The early loss wasn't going to discourage the Storm. At the start of the first, the Colts got two goals but Aiden Perrott came in and scored two goals to tie it going into the second. The second started with a goal by Boylan, then two minutes later the Colts scored and a minute after that Boylan scored his second of the game. But Boylan wasn't done, and with 3:22 left, he scored his hat trick goal and it was 5-4 going into the third.

The third was a battle but with 20 seconds left, and an empty net, Boylan scored his fourth goal and the Storm won the A finals 6-4.

On Sunday, the Atoms traveled to Parry Sound for a double-header against the Parry Sound Shamrocks. Game one, the Shamrocks scored the first goal and Boylan answered, tying the game going into the second 1-1. Early in the second, Boylan scored his second goal and it was 2-1 Storm going into the third. The third started with two goals by the Shamrocks. Boylan scored his hat trick at 12:08. But the Shamrocks weren't done. They scored an additional three goals, making the final score 6-3. It was a tough loss for the Storm, however, Taylor Consack saved 31 of the 37 shots that came his way.

Game two started with the Shamrocks scoring two goals. Perrott scored one for the Storm, however the Shamrocks scored right after making it 3-1 going into the second. The Storm fought hard in the second but the Shamrocks scored two more goals making it 5-1 going into the

third. In the third it was a battle, however with two minutes left, the Shamrocks scored and the final score was 6-1. Another tough loss for the Storm.

On Dec. 3, the Atoms travel to Little Britain to face the Mariposa Lightning at 2:30 p.m. (Submitted by Amber Card)

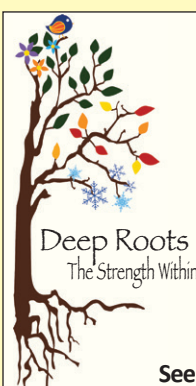
### The Highlander/Smolen Family Dentistry Midgets

The Storm Midget A team lost 6-3 to the Elmvalle Coyotes Friday in Elmvalle. It was a slow start for both teams in the first period. The Storm took advantage of a power play late in the period with some good passes. Chris Thompson closed in and took a hard shot and got the first goal. A turnover by the Storm defence allowed the Coyotes to tie it up early in the second. Next, Thompson rushed up the boards and pulled the defence. His perfectly timed pass found the waiting stick of Carter O'Neill and he deflected in the second Storm goal. The Coyotes began their attack and got four consecutive goals, making it a 5-2 game by the end of the third period. The Storm picked up some momentum and got a lucky break with a bouncing puck. Devyn Prentice capitalized on that goal. Soon after, the Coyotes lashed out with another goal and that ended the game 6-3. (Submitted by Suzanne Haedicke)

### Haliburton Timber Mart/ Canadian Tire Novices

On Sunday, the Highland Storm Novice team travelled to Fenelon Falls to take on the Sturgeon Lake Thunder. The Storm opened the scoring but the Thunder responded with a goal of their own. It was a tight game with no room for errors. The Storm capitalized on another opportunity in the second period, putting them up by one. But it wasn't long until the Thunder found the net again. With the game tied and minutes left in the third period, Sturgeon Lake scored on their power play resulting in a 3-2 loss for the Storm. Goals were scored by Brechin Johnston and Jace Mills. Excellent defensive play by Evan Jones, Caleb Manning and Parker Simms. The Storm are in Cobourg next weekend in the Novice Silver Stick Tournament. (Submitted by Janice Scheffee)

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# Santa Claus parades



## Santa spreads holiday cheer

By Mark Arike

Santa is making his rounds in Haliburton County.

He made his first stop in Haliburton on Nov. 25 during the 11th annual evening parade, hosted by the Haliburton Village Improvement Area and organized by the Haliburton & District Lions. People lined Highland Street to see floats, marching bands and dancers. A spaghetti dinner was held afterwards at the Legion.

The next day, jolly old St. Nick and his reindeers travelled to Minden for the township's daytime parade. Participants spread holiday cheer as they passed a large crowd of spectators along Bobcaygeon Road.

Santa will make his next appearance in Wilberforce on Dec. 11.



Top: Santa waves to spectators in Haliburton. Right: A marcher in a funky costume waves to the crowd. Far right: Sparky rides on the back of an ATV. Below: Young performers with Heritage Ballet's The Nutcracker. Bottom right: A few four-legged friends took part in Minden's parade. Bottom left: Giada Iannazzo, 3, gets a bird's-eye view of all the action. *Photos by Mark Arike.*





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## Festival lights up cultural centre

By Mark Arike

The Minden Hills Cultural Centre was abuzz with activity during the seventh annual Festival of Trees.

Visitors explored the grounds and various buildings, which were decorated with 35 Christmas trees, between Friday and Sunday. They bought tickets in hopes of winning their favourite tree during a draw.

The trees were decorated by a group of volunteers and sponsored by local businesses.

The annual fundraiser supports programming at the centre, the majority of which is for kids. A grand total was not available at press time.

Top: Siblings Sierra and Ryan Miller-Anderson put on a few props for the photo booth. Middle: Silver bells gift shop volunteers, from left, Linda Hand, Lucy Gray and Ellie Welch. Above: Mary Hamilton, donor and cultural centre advisory committee members, finds a tree she wants. Inset: Volunteer Eric Casper greets visitors. *Photos by Mark Arike*



# Highlander events



Top: Tavia Harris proudly sports her sweater and a few glittery accessories. Middle: Contest winners Melissa MacDonald, left, and Sarah Adams. Above: Walkers make their way down Bayshore Road toward Haliburton. Photos by Mark Arike.

## Ugly sweaters galore

By Mark Arike

About 35 people pulled out their tackiest, festive and colourful sweaters for the fourth annual Ugly Christmas Sweater Run/Walk on Sunday.

Before heading out for a 5 km or 1.5 km jaunt, participants gathered at the Haliburton Highlands Museum. Some got creative and put final touches on their sweaters. Then everyone strutted their stuff for the judges, who awarded Subway

gift cards to contestants for the best kids' sweater, most colourful and most creative.

The winners were William Curry (best kids' sweater), Sarah Adams (most colourful) and Melissa MacDonald (most creative).

Afterwards, participants were invited back to the museum for jazz music and pizza.

The event raised \$233 for recreation programming. The money was donated by participants and Into the Blue Bakery.

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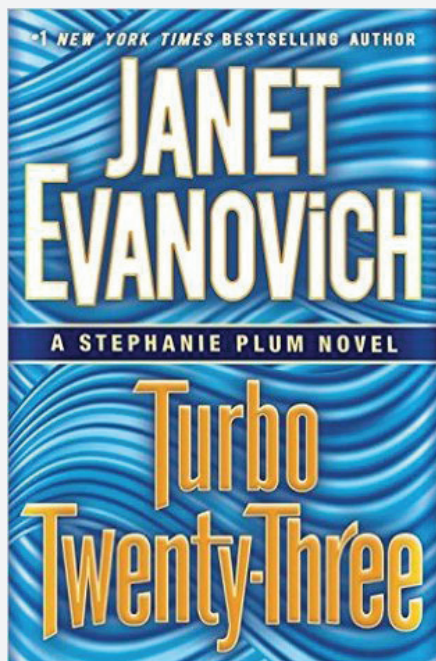
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# Highlander events

## Haliburton County's Hot Reads

The following are popular new additions to the Haliburton County Public Library's collection this week.



1. *Turbo Twenty-three* by Janet Evanovich
2. *Cross The Line* by James Patterson
3. *The Sleeping Beauty Killer* by Mary Higgins Clark
4. *Forever Painless: lasting relief through gentle movement* by Miranda Esmonde-White
5. *Get It Together: organize your records so your family won't have to* by Melanie Cullen.



Left: Elf, played by Lorraine McNeil, co-hosts the show. Right: Dame Beatrice adjusts her outfit. Photos by Mark Arike

## Sold-out Shindig a treat

By Mark Arike

The organizers of the Highlands Christmas Shindig continue to outdo themselves.

The third annual variety show was once again a sellout, raising more than \$22,000 to keep local families warm by supporting Fuel for Warmth. This is about \$4,000 more than last year.

"This was a record third straight sellout and we raised a record amount," said Lorne McNeil, a member of the organizing committee and treasurer for Fuel for Warmth.

More than 200 people filled the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion on Saturday evening.

The night included performances from Haliburton Dance Academy, Trio Cappuccino, Highlands Little Theatre, Fifth Business, Brian and Beth Kipping (accompanied by Melissa Stephens), Bethany Houghton and Luba Cargill, Steve Galea, Jeff Moulton, and Ragged Company featuring the Kowalski Sisters.

Dame Beatrice (Mike Jaycock) and Elf (Lorraine McNeil) returned to emcee the event. They were joined by Sir Cedric

Bridlington (Peter Jaycock).

And there was plenty of behind-the-scenes help from 27 volunteers.

In addition to ticket sales, money was raised at the raffle table. Several items were donated by the community.

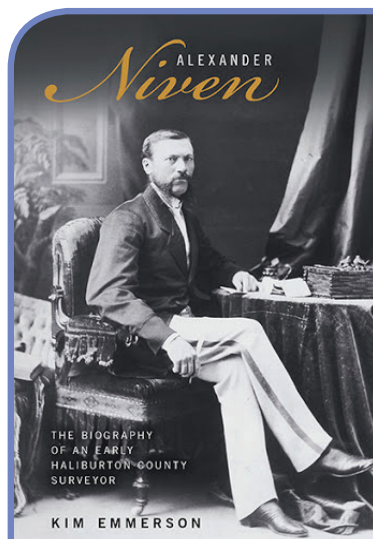
Fuel for Warmth is a non-profit, charitable organization that was founded in 2009. Its mission is to "provide fuel to those who cannot provide enough for themselves."

The program has assisted more than 219 people in the past year.

To find out more, visit [fuelforwarmth.com](http://fuelforwarmth.com).

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**THE NUTCRACKER**, Heritage Ballet's annual production of the Tchaikovsky classic, at Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion. Three shows, Sat. Dec. 3rd, 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., and Sun., Dec. 4th at 2 p.m. Tickets \$20

**WINTER FESTIVAL & FARMERS' MARKET** at Abbey Gardens. Sat. Dec. 3, Noon - 3:30 p.m. Wagon rides, snacks, and Santa, too! Free admission.

## EVENTS

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Township of Algonquin Highlands

### NOTICE Fees and Charges

Pursuant to By-Law 07-46 **NOTICE** is hereby provided that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Algonquin Highlands intends to consider amending Comprehensive Fees and Charges By-Law 2015-74 at its regular meeting to be held on

**Thursday, December 8, 2016**

The meeting will be held at the Stanhope Firefighters' Community Hall located at 1095 North Shore Road.

Dated: November 7, 2016

**Angie Bird, A.M.C.T., CMM III**  
Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk Township of Algonquin Highlands  
1123 North Shore Rd.  
Algonquin Highlands, ON K0M 1J1  
T: 705-489-2379 Ext. 222  
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County of Haliburton  
Notice

### Inaugural Session of County Council

The Council of the County of Haliburton wishes to provide PUBLIC NOTICE that the Inaugural Session of Haliburton County Council will take place on Tuesday December 13, 2016 commencing at 2:00 p.m. in the County Administration Building located at 11 Newcastle Street in Minden. The public is welcome to attend.

Michael Rutter, CAO/County Clerk  
11 Newcastle Street  
P. O. Box 399  
Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0  
Telephone: (705) 286-1333  
or 1-866-886-8815, Ext. 223  
Fax: (705) 286-4829  
E-mail: mrutter@county.haliburton.on.ca

## EVENTS

### SWITZER'S FIREARMS AUCTION

**DECEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup>, 9:00 A.M.**

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## EVENTS

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## EVENTS

**CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE**, Dec 4, Noon – 3 p.m., Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary Gift Shop. Christmas bake sale, Wheelbarrow of Wine draw 1 p.m., refreshments. Special guest, harpist Marie Watson. No tax. We accept debit, Visa & Mastercard

**HIGHLANDS WIND SYMPHONY Christmas Concert** – Fri., Dec. 9, 7 p.m. at Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion. Tickets \$10/Adult, \$25/Family, avail at Master's Book Store & Minden PharmaSave. 705-457-7894

**WILBERFORCE SANTA CLAUS PARADE** – Sun., Dec. 11th., starting at 12:30 p.m. The parade begins at the Wilberforce School and ends at the Lloyd Watson Community Centre, where there will be a party for all with Santa and treats. Bring the kids for a merry afternoon!

**"Old Fashioned Christmas Carol Sing-a-Long"**, Wed., Dec. 14, 7:30 p.m. Lochlin United Church 1050 Lochlin Road. Great music accompaniment with Rev. Harry Morgan and "Friends." Refreshments following. Donations to the Food Banks gratefully accepted.

**Every Monday Pickle Ball** – Lloyd Watson Centre – 3:30 p.m. – 6 p.m.

**FREE LUNCH FOR SENIORS**, Sat., Dec. 24th at Oakview Lodge, 12 – 2:30 p.m., RSVP by Dec 10th. Space is limited. Donations to the food banks gratefully accepted. 705-489-2463

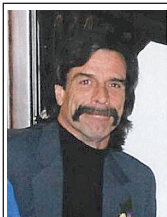
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**Every Monday Pickleball** at Haliburton High School, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Cost \$2, equipment supplied. Bring clean indoor running shoes.

**EVERY TUESDAY.** Euchre at West Guilford Community Center 7 p.m. For information, call 705-754-2464

**EVERY TUESDAY.** Royal Canadian Legion Branch 519, Cobocnk Progressive euchre at 1:00pm. Cost is \$2 per person

## OBITUARIES



### Stephen Gary Bondarenko

Peacefully at Southlake Regional Health Centre, Newmarket, on Wednesday, November 23, 2016 at the age of 60 years. Steve Bondarenko, beloved husband of Marilyn of Sutton. Dear father of Cindy-Jo Nesbitt (Wyatt), Jeffery Bondarenko, Leanne Joly (Gary), Ian Kennedy (Desreena), Jason Arkwell and a special "pops" to Rachel Reimer. Loving grandpa of Savannah, Sterling, Walker, Nathan, Madison, and Hailey. Survived by his mother Kathleen Wood, his siblings; David Wood (Joan), Brenda Reid (Walter), Tammy Reynolds (Steven), Lorelei Prout, and Pamela Klodnicki (Frank). Fondly remembered by his extended family and many friends. A Visitation was held at the Forrest & Taylor Funeral Home, Sutton, on Tuesday, November 29, from 7 – 9 p.m. A Funeral Service was held in the chapel, Wednesday at 11:00 a.m. Cremation has taken place. Memorial donations to the Canadian Cancer Society ([www.cancer.ca](http://www.cancer.ca)) or the Canadian Tire Jump Start Program ([www.jumpstart.canadiantire.ca](http://www.jumpstart.canadiantire.ca)), would be appreciated. Memorial condolences may be made at [www.forrestandtaylor.com](http://www.forrestandtaylor.com)



### Donald Lloyd (Resident of Haliburton, Ontario)

Peacefully with his family by his side at Peterborough Regional Health Centre on Thursday afternoon, November 24, 2016 in his 82nd year. Beloved husband and best friend of Donna Lloyd (nee Scott) for over sixty one years. Loving father of Stephen (Ina) of Burlington, Terry (Cathy) of Haliburton, Sharon (George Carleton) of Etobicoke and Brian (Val) of Burlington. Fondly remembered by his grandchildren by Jarod, Ashlee, Kelsee, Heather, Lauren, Christine, Geoffrey, Jake, Taylor, Christopher and Valerie and by his great grandchildren Jahyden, Madden, Ben and Wes. Dear brother Darryl "Buster." Predeceased by his grandson MacKenzie and sisters Dorothy, Joyce and brother Cecil "Ab." Also lovingly remembered by many nieces, nephews and his many friends. Don was a OPP Officer in Peterborough for seven years and then in Haliburton for seven years. He sold Real Estate in Haliburton County and drove a school bus for Ab Larue. Don also managed the Community Centre for over 20 years.

#### A Remembrance Gathering

Friends may call at the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118 Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209 on Tuesday afternoon, November 29, 2016 from 2 until 5 p.m. Spring interment Evergreen Cemetery. As expressions of sympathy donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation - Palliative Care Unit would be appreciated by the family.



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#### In Loving Memory of

### William "Bill" Wesley McKay

Passed away suddenly at home in Carnarvon on Friday, November 25, 2016, at the age of 83.

Beloved husband of the late Jeanette "Jan". Dear father of Greg and his wife Michele, Dave and his wife Donna. Loving grandfather of Logan (Meizahn) and Jaime. Dear brother of Grace, Janet and predeceased by Max, Helen and Jim. Fondly remembered by his nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Friends are invited to visit the family at the Zion United Church, 1021 East Road, Carnarvon on Saturday, December 3, 2016 from 11:00 am until the time of the Service to Celebrate Bill's Life at 1:00 pm. Reception to follow at the Christian Education Centre. Cremation has taken place.

Memorial Donations to the Haliburton Outdoor Association or to the Charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., P.O. Box 427, Minden KOM 2K0.



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## HELP WANTED



### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The Haliburton County Farmer's Market Association is seeking a Market Manager for the 2017 Market season. This position runs from April 1 through December 31st. Market Manager tasks include assessing vendor applications, co-ordinating and communicating with vendors and volunteers, ensuring a smoothly running market on Tuesdays in Haliburton, Fridays in Carnarvon and Saturdays in Minden as well as engaging in promotional activities and maintaining social media communications associated with the market. The position requires access to a vehicle. The Market Manager reports to the HCFMA Board Chair. Training will be provided. Resumes should be submitted to HCFMA P.O. Box 846, Minden Ontario KOM 2K0 and must be received no later than December 31st.

**CANCER SUPPORT GROUP** open to anyone who has been diagnosed with or survived cancer. We meet the 3rd Tuesday of every month in the Ruth Parkes Room at the Haliburton Hospital from 1 – 3 p.m. Please contact Lynn Higgs Thompson 705-457-2941 for more information.

**AL ANON- WE CARE,** are you troubled by someone's drinking? Meetings: Tuesday 7 – 8 p.m., St. Anthony's 27 Victoria Street, Haliburton. All welcome.

## FUNERAL SERVICES



### Funerals and Memorial Services

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## PREVIOUS WEEK'S ANSWERS

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## EVENTS



### Highlands Wind Symphony 2016 Annual Christmas Concert



Featuring All Local Performers  
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Jerelyn Craden!

**Friday, December 9th 7:00 pm.**  
Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion

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Available: Master's Book Store Haliburton  
& Minden Pharmasave  
More information call 705-457-7894

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Congratulations!*



Congratulations and best wishes to  
Lloyd and Ella Smith of Eagle Lake.  
They celebrated their 65<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary  
with family and friends on November 19, 2016.

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4. Take back
5. Owns
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7. Cat's cry
8. Touch lightly
9. Co. abbr.
10. African antelope
11. Established
17. Revoked
19. Trailblazers
22. Acquire
24. Insides
25. Correct copy
26. Apple's center
27. Flock females
28. Drinks like a dog
29. Pang
30. Peruse
33. Stitch together
35. Minor item
39. Scandinavian capital
41. Pennsylvania port
42. Party
43. Spanish cheers
44. Undercover gp.
45. Association (abbr.)
46. Yankee \_\_\_\_ Gehrig
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1. Entryway
5. Bad actor
8. Hogs
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13. Had breakfast
14. Prince Charles's sister
15. Not shallow
16. Time saver
18. Be nosy
20. Flabbergast
21. Autograph
23. Part
28. Roped
31. Bestow
32. Emphasize
33. Sarcastic writing
34. Stage
35. Removes
36. Taste or smell
37. Washstand item
38. Deteriorate
40. San \_\_\_\_ Padres
44. Huge
49. Spoken
50. Golf club
51. Commit perjury
52. Provoke
53. Mexican water
54. Aged
55. Oceans



# What's on

## DECEMBER 2016 EVENTS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><b>EVERY WEDNESDAY</b></p> <p><b>Public Skating</b> at AJ LaRue Arena, Haliburton, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., \$2/person.</p> <p><b>Public Skating</b> at SG Nesbitt Arena, Minden, Noon – 2 p.m., \$2/person</p> <p><b>Carpet Bowling</b> at Cardiff Community Centre, 1 – 3 p.m.</p> <p><b>Yoga</b> at the Dorset Recreation Centre, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 a.m. For all levels beginner to advanced. Contact Ingrid at 705-783-1691 or ingridbittner@gmail.com to register. Pay by cash/cheque.</p> <p><b>Minden Community Centre Pickleball</b> 9 a.m. – Noon. Raquets are provided, please bring clean indoor shoes. \$2/person. Contact Elisha Weiss 705-286-2298 or eweiss@mindenhills.ca for more info.</p>				<p>Don't forget today's edition of <b>The Highlander</b></p> <p>24</p>	<p><b>HHHS Palliative Centre</b> ground breaking celebration. 11 a.m. at Haliburton Hospital site. Free parking at Medical Centre, view the plans, light refreshments.</p> <p><b>Karaoke at the Coboconk Legion Branch 519</b>, 6 p.m. \$10 roast beef or ham dinner 5:30 p.m. – 7 p.m.</p> <p>2</p>	<p><b>The Nutcracker</b>, presented by Heritage Ballet – Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion, 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. shows. Tickets \$20.</p> <p><b>Breakfast with Santa</b>, 9 a.m. – noon, YMCA Wanakita.</p> <p>3</p>
<p><b>All Faith Christmas Service</b> – 7 – 10 p.m. at Lloyd Watson Centre Wilberforce. Join the Wilberforce &amp; Gooderham United Churches to sing Christmas carols with clergy and choirs from local churches, an all-faith service and refreshments and home-made goodies.</p> <p>4</p>	 <p>5</p>	 <p>6</p>	 <p>7</p>	<p>Don't forget today's edition of <b>The Highlander</b></p> <p>8</p>	<p><b>OPP Food Drive</b>, Wilberforce Foodland, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. Donations go to Central Food Network to support local food banks.</p> <p><b>HHHS Community Support Services Christmas Luncheon</b>, Wilberforce Legion, noon – 2 p.m. \$15 please RSVP 705-457-2941.</p> <p>9</p>	<p><b>Christmas Meat Roll</b> (Turkeys and Hams) at Coboconk Legion Branch 519, 3 p.m.</p> <p>10</p>
<p><b>WILBERFORCE SANTA CLAUS PARADE</b> – 12:30 pm. Starts at the Wilberforce School and ends at the Lloyd Watson Community Center with a Christmas Party!</p> <p>11</p>	 <p>12</p>	 <p>13</p>	<p><b>Old Fashioned Christmas Carol Sing-a-Long</b>, Lochlin United Church, 1050 Lochlin Rd., 7:30 p.m. Refreshments following. Donations to the food banks gratefully accepted.</p> <p><b>"Sourdough – The Yukon in Story &amp; Song"</b>, with Remy Rodden 7 – 9 p.m., HHOA Fish Hatchery, \$10/person. 705-457-3436, info@yoursoutdoors.ca</p> <p>14</p>	<p><b>Christmas Cookie Dough Party</b> at the Dorset Recreation Centre. 2 – 4 p.m. \$25/person, due in advance to reserve your spot. Call 705-766-9968 for details. Make refrigerator cookie dough to take home and bake. All are welcome.</p> <p>15</p>	 <p>16</p>	 <p>17</p>

## ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION EVENTS

<p><b>HALIBURTON BRANCH</b>  Monday bridge 1p.m.  Tuesday dart league starting at 7 p.m.  Wednesday bid euchre 1 p.m. start, bingo doors open at 6 p.m, bingo starts at 7 p.m. - \$500 jackpot, \$1000 jackpot - last Wednesday of the month.  Thursday general meeting second Thursday of the month starting at 7:30 p.m. All members urged to attend.  Ladies auxiliary last Thursday of the month at 1 p.m.  Friday meat draw - five draws, five prizes each draw, first draw at 4:30 p.m., last draw at 6:30 p.m., tickets \$2 per draw ... Chester Howse, MC</p>	<p>Friday fun darts - 4:30 p.m. onwards  Saturday 50/50 draw 4 p.m. draw, tickets \$1 each from noon onwards  Sunday breakfast second and fourth Sunday of the month – 9:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. \$6 per person. Occasional volunteers are needed.  Upcoming Events: Live entertainment featuring Gord Kidd &amp; Friends  Saturday, Dec. 3, 4-7 p.m. in the Club Room. Enjoy a delicious meal for only \$6 prepared by the Ladies Auxiliary. \$5 cover charge for non-members.  Whether you're planning a function for 10 or 200, for more information call the Legion today at 705-457-2571</p>	<p><b>MINDEN BRANCH</b>  General meeting, first Wednesday of each month, 7:30 p.m. start  Ladies darts, Wednesday, 1-4 p.m.  Euchre, Thursday, 7 p.m.  Fish/wings &amp; chips, Friday, noon-2 p.m. and 5-7 p.m.  Mixed darts, Friday 7:30 p.m.  Bid euchre, first Sunday of the month (except holidays), noon, \$12  Sports fan day, Sunday, 12-5 p.m.  Lunch menu, Monday – Friday, noon-2 p.m.  Liver lovers' special, Tuesday noon-2 p.m. (full menu also)  Meat draws, Wednesday lunch time.  Watch for local posters and listen to</p>	<p>Canoe FM, and Moose FM, for special events on Saturdays.</p> <p><b>WILBERFORCE BRANCH</b>  Friday Pool 1:30 p.m. Ham and scalloped dinner 5-7 p.m. Jam session 7.30 p.m.  Saturday Meat draw 2 p.m. – early bird 3 p.m. sharp  Wildlife Dinner 5:30-7 p.m. \$20/ person  Monday Bid euchre 7 p.m. beginners welcome.  Tuesday Executive meeting 7 p.m.  Wednesday Fun darts 7:30 p.m.</p>
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## FREE EVENTS!



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# What's on



Dancers in the upcoming production of The Nutcracker rehearse on Tuesday afternoon at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion. Photos by Lisa Gervais

## Bears make debut at The Nutcracker

By Lisa Gervais

Sonya Flatman and Rebecca Hamilton sit high up in the seats at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion in Haliburton waiting for a rehearsal of The Nutcracker to begin.

The 17-year-old Nutcracker veterans are studying for a biology test while waiting for some of the ballet's youngsters to filter through the door and take their seats in front of choreographer Juile Barban.

The two high school students have grown up on Barban's interpretation of Tchaikovsky's iconic Christmas ballet.

Flatman began "when I was really little" ... "It's supporting the arts in this community," she said. She describes ballet as a passion and says it is an outlet for her creative side. She is also here to support

Barban, who volunteers the many hours that go into staging this quintessential Haliburton Christmas project. But, it's Flatman's last year and it is "bittersweet." She is excited about snaring the big roles of The Snow Queen and Peacock but it means her Nutcracker experience is coming to an end.

Hamilton, who plays a myriad of roles, the Sugar Plum Fairy, a doll, a snowflake, and who "might stand in for a big mouse," began in Gr. 6 or 7. She said it is exciting to see the youngsters starting out and to watch them transition through the various roles in the ballet. For her, knowing she won't be in the ballet next year is "sad ... it's like a tradition to do it every year."

Indeed, this year marks the 13<sup>th</sup> annual Nutcracker under Barban's wing.

It is the biggest production ever, at 82 children.

The owner of Heritage Ballet in Haliburton says she always makes little changes depending on who will play the major roles. And, she is adding a mother bear and three cubs this year. The National Ballet of Canada uses a couple of bears in its production and the Royal Winnipeg Ballet uses polar bears. When Barban found some adorable baby bear costumes she decided this was the year to add them to the show.

Asked about the 13<sup>th</sup> anniversary, Barban said, "It's a bit of a love – hate relationship. I look forward to having my Sundays back and part of my Saturdays. But I do love it. I love the music and the artistic freedom to make changes. And the

kids love it. The community has really come to expect it."

Once again this year, the Lions will be bussing the kids from Cardiff Elementary School for the Friday dress rehearsal.

### The Nutcracker

Saturday 2 and 7:30 p.m. and  
Sunday 2 p.m. at the Northern Lights  
Performing Arts Pavilion.

Tickets are \$20 each or \$50 for a family of four (two adults and two children). Extra children cost \$10 each.

Tickets are available at Cranberry Cottage in Haliburton and Minden Pharmasave. Tickets will also be available at the door if not sold out.

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